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In re the Application of: **Taiji EMA**

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Examiner: **Matthew E. Warren**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING CONTACT HOLES BETWEEN
ADJACENT CONDUCTOR PATTERNS AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE
SAME**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, Applicant amends the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.